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Greetings!

Welcome to the New Year!

Welcome to the first issue of the Center's newsletter.

This is a challenging time- the past, the new days of the New Year where we all get to start all over again.

However, it is a stressful period financially after the holiday spending and after all the school fees are paid. So it's a wonderful new day with wonderful stress points that provide opportunities for growth, for maturation, and for rising to the occasion.



For my parents, it is as pointed out earlier, filled with financial challenges and for my students, filled with concern about performance on exams. Know that in the midst of the muddle, in the midst of the storm; God is there. God will make a way. God has provided all that is needed, and what He ordains, He sustains. So in the newness of this year be still, rest in Him and know that all is and all will be well.

• A SPECIAL OFFER

REGISTER FOR MEMBERSHIP AT 10,000KSHS BETWEEN THE DATES MARCH 14TH – MAY 31ST

• TEST REGISTRATION DEADLINES

REGISTRATION FOR GRE BEGINS MARCH 15TH, SAVE 50% ON TEST FEE

SAT TESTS ARE OFFERED IN JAN, MAY, JUNE, OCTOBER, NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

CLASSES ARE OFFERED TWO MONTHS PRIOR TO THE TEST, FOUR DAYS A WEEK

WE OFFER COMPUTER CLASSES EVERY WEEKDAY

COME REVISE FOR YOUR TOEFL EXAMS WITH US!

Our introduction

- Our official new name is **EducationUSA – Kenya**.
- We are an advising center affiliated with the **United States Embassy State Department**.
- The center belongs to the **EducationUSA network** of educational advising centers.

- We offer **individual and group advising** for students interested in study in the U. S.



Quote for Feb:

"It matters not Who you love, Where you love, Why you love, When you love, Or how you love, It matters only that you love." – John Lennon

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EducationUSA Mission:

- **EducationUSA** centers actively promote U.S. higher education around the world by offering accurate, unbiased, comprehensive, objective and timely information about educational institutions in the United States and guidance to qualified individuals on how best to access those opportunities.
- Millions of prospective students learn about U.S. study opportunities through EducationUSA centers each year. Centers are staffed by profes-

sional advisers, many of whom have **first-hand experience** having studied in the United States themselves. The centers adhere to **ethical standards**. **Advisors have received State Department-approved training** about U.S. higher education and the U.S. advising process.

- **EducationUSA** centers support U.S. study abroad by advising U.S. colleges and universities about options for developing study programs in other countries.
- **EducationUSA** advisers work in a variety of host institutions, such as Fulbright Commissions, NGOs, U.S. embassies and consulates, bi-national centers, universities, and public libraries. Their common goal is to promote international student mobility.

What does our center offer?

1. Basic advising for students who want to study in the U.S.
2. Exam registration and tutorials for TOEFL, SAT I, SAT II, GRE, GMAT.
3. University selection.
4. Filling application forms.
5. Visa interview preparation.
6. Pre-departure orientation sessions for university.
7. Scholarship and financial aid information.
8. We have a wide range of publications and audiovisual materials, inclusive of borrowing privileges.
9. Annual Membership.
10. We offer **FREE** information sessions: Every **1st and 3rd Friday** of the month at the center, Macksons Plaza. Every **2nd and 4th Friday** at the U. S. Embassy, Gigiri.

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"My first choice college should have lots of closet space."

Quote for March:

National Womens History Month – March

In honor of this month, we have selected two women who have achieved great success as an example to the women here in Kenya.

Prof. Wangari Maathai is a Kenyan environmental and women's rights activist.

- In 2004 she was the first African woman to receive the Nobel Peace Prize "for her contribution to sustainable development, democracy and peace".
- She was the first East African woman to receive a Ph.D. (in veterinary medicine from the University of Nairobi)
- In 1977 she founded the Green Belt Movement, which planted 30 million trees in Kenya to combat soil erosion.

Catherine Nyambura Ndereba is a Kenyan marathon runner.

"African women in general need to know that it's OK for them to be the way they are – to see the way they are as a strength, and to be liberated from fear and from silence." – *Wangari Maathai*





Inspiring women

- She has twice won gold medals marathon at the World Championships and won silver medals in the Olympics in 2004 and 2008.
- She is also a four-time winner of the Boston Marathon.
- Ndereba broke the women's marathon world record in 2001, running 2:18:47 at the Chicago Marathon.
- Ndereba was awarded the 2004 and 2005 Kenyan Sportswoman of the Year awards.
- She was awarded the Order of the Golden Warrior by president Mwai Kibaki in 2005.
- In 2008, Ndereba was described by a Chicago Tribune sportswriter as the greatest women's marathoner of all time.

From the Advisor's desk



GOOD NEWS!! We have an exceptional student chosen to be our Student of the quarter. Yvonne Wangare has been accepted to MIT (Massachusetts Inst, Cambridge, MA) for

civil engineering with financial aid. She is an A student from Precious Blood Secondary School, Riruta. We are happy for her. Her success is our success. We wish her well as she prepares to join the university she has chosen.

TEST INFORMATION– about TOEFL

TOEFL– Test of English as a Foreign Language.

It is an English test done by people whose native language is not English.

Each year, nearly a million individuals of all ages take the TOEFL test to demonstrate their English-language proficiency.

More than 25 million people from all over the world have taken the TOEFL test since it was first offered.

The average English skill level ranges between intermediate and advanced.

Who takes the TOEFL?

- Students planning to study at a higher educa-

tion institution

- English language learning program admissions and exit
- Scholarship and certification candidates
- English-language learners who want to track their progress
- Students and workers applying for visas

In Kenya, the test is offered in two versions: iBTbt (internet based) and PBT (paper based).

In iBT, test takers are tested on 4 skills: Reading, Listening, Speaking, and Writing.

In paper based, test takers are tested in 4 skills: Listening,

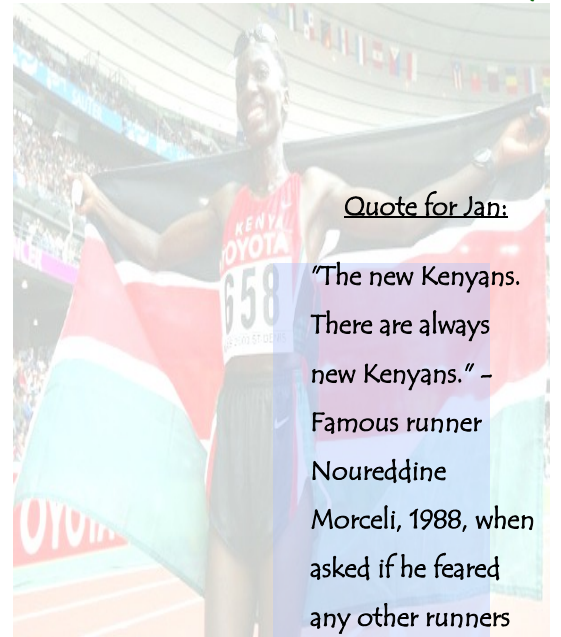
Reading, Structure, and Writing.

PBT Test date: 7th May 2011
Online Registration: 4th April 2011

For more information, check out the website:
<http://www.ets.org/toefl>

DO's and DON'T'S

- Be at least 30min early to the test.
- Carry your National ID.
- Carry food and water to recharge in the 10 min break.
- Take notes, especially during the listening section to remember the salient points.
- It is important not to burn oneself out the night before the test day in order to be refreshed to take on D-day.
- Make sure you aren't carrying any personal belongings like cell phones or digital watches into the test centre because they will be confiscated and your test might be cancelled.
- Make sure you don't over run the time limit allotted.



Quote for Jan:

"The new Kenyans. There are always new Kenyans." – Famous runner Nouredine Morceli, 1988, when asked if he feared any other runners (Kenyans are among the world's best runners)



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Foreign Governments and Missions Winner!!

We have won 3rd year in a row, at the Nairobi International Education Fair, Sarit Expo Center, Nairobi, Kenya. The trophy was presented by Mr. Sarvjeet Channa, The Standard Group Chief Operating Officer.

This International Education Fair is held every March at the Sarit Expo Centre, Nairobi, Kenya and has celebrated its 13th Edition 2011. This is the leading education, careers and training fair in Eastern Africa, which brings together consumers, providers and stakeholders of the education sector.



This fair features among others local and international colleges and universities, pre-universities institutions, local and international schools, allied businesses and services. It continues to attract and benefit students, school leavers, parents, career training and counseling teachers, stakeholders in education, diplomats and the general public immensely.

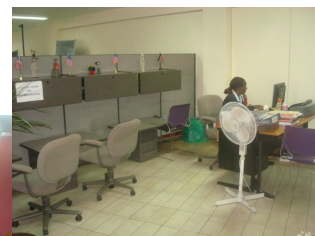
The objectives of the student fair are the following:

* To create awareness on entry requirements for the foundation, certificate, diploma, undergraduate and post-graduate programs.

* To provide one-on-one opportunities for school leavers, students, parents, guardians, career guidance and counseling teachers and the general public to sample available career and training opportunities in Kenya and abroad and also learn about available scholarships, visas, accommodation facilities and living conditions.

* To provide a meeting point for the providers and consumers of financial, insurance, transport, technology and equipment for the benefit of each other.

* To provide a forum for the launch and promotion of new products/services targeting education stakeholders.



Business Hours:

- Monday – Thursday:
9am to 5pm
- Friday:
9am to 12:30pm
- Saturday, Sunday, Public Holidays: Closed

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